

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Your job is to oversee that such actions are not abused. My concern is that your organization is not adhering to the logic of FCC rules.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Their argument to allow Senator Kerry to respond in kind at the time of the airing is very disingenuous at such a critical time in the election process. You as guardians of the electronic media in this country surely can see blatant tomfoolery, and must rise above partisanship and respond responsibly. Thank you.